

COMMERCE

Protocol signed at Washington May 28, 1898

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Amended and supplemented by agreement of August 20, 1902;¹ supplemented by agreement of January 28, 1908²

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of the Reciprocal Agreement between the Governments of the United States of America and of the French Republic concluded at Washington this twenty-eighth day of May 1898 by their respective Representatives duly empowered for that purpose; namely, on the part of the United States the Honorable John A. Kasson, Special Commissioner Plenipotentiary etc. and on the part of the French Republic His Excellency, M. Jules Cambon, Ambassador of France etc. etc. etc.

The Government of the United States and the Government of France being animated by the same spirit of conciliation and being equally desirous to improve their commercial relations, have concluded the following Agreement.

I

It is agreed on the part of France that during the continuance in force of this Agreement the following articles of commerce, the product of the soil or industry of the United States, shall be admitted into France at the minimum rates of duty, to wit, not exceeding the following rates:

¹ TS 410, *post*, p. 860.

² TS 469, *post*, p. 867.

³ Pursuant to notice of termination given by the United States Aug. 7, 1909, in accordance with Tariff Act of Aug. 5, 1909 (36 Stat. 11).

French Tariff No.	Per 100 kilogs. Francs.
19. Canned meats.....	15
84. Table fruits, fresh:	
Lemons, oranges, cedrats and their varieties not mentioned.....	5
Mandarin oranges.....	10
Common table grapes.....	8
Apples and pears:	
For the table.....	2
For cider and perry.....	1.50
Other fruits except hothouse grapes and fruits.....	3
85. Fruits dried or pressed (excluding raisins):	
Apples and pears:	
For the table.....	10
For cider and perry.....	4
Prunes.....	10
Other fruits.....	5
128. Common woods, logs.....	0.65
Sawed or squared timber 80 mm. or more in thickness.....	1
Squared or sawed lumber exceeding 35 mm. and less than 80 mm. in thickness.....	1.25
Wood sawed 35 mm. or less in thickness.....	1.75
129. Paving blocks.....	1.75
130. Staves.....	0.75
160. Hops.....	30
174 ter. Apples and pears crushed, or cut and dried.....	1.50
Manufactured and prepared pork meats.....	50
Lard and its compounds.....	25

II

It is reciprocally agreed on the part of the United States in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the United States Tariff Act of 1897⁴ that during the continuance in force of this Agreement the following articles of commerce, the product of the soil or industry of France, shall be admitted into the United States at rates of duty not exceeding the following, to wit:

On argols, or crude tartar, or wine lees, crude, five per centum ad valorem.

On brandies, or other spirits manufactured or distilled from grain or other materials, one dollar and seventy-five cents per proof gallon.

On paintings in oil or water colors, pastels, pen and ink drawings, and statuary, fifteen per centum ad valorem.

It is further agreed on the part of the United States that the rates of duty heretofore imposed and collected on still wines, the product of France, under the provisions of the United States Tariff Act of 1897 shall be conditionally suspended, and in place thereof shall be imposed and collected as follows, namely:

On still wines and vermouth, in casks, thirty-five cents per gallon; in bottles or jugs, per case of one dozen bottles or jugs containing each not more than one quart and more than one pint, or twenty-four bottles or jugs containing each not more than one pint, one dollar and twenty-five cents per case, and

⁴ 30 Stat. 203.

any excess beyond these quantities found in such bottles or jugs shall be subject to a duty of four cents per pint or fractional part thereof, but no separate or additional duty shall be assessed upon the bottles or jugs.

But it is expressly understood that this latter concession may be withdrawn in the discretion of the President of the United States whenever additional duties beyond those now existing, and which may be deemed by him unjust to the commerce of the United States, shall be imposed by France on products of the United States.

III

This Agreement shall take effect and be in force on and after the first day of June 1898.

Signed in duplicate this twenty-eighth day of May A.D. 1898, in the City of Washington.

JOHN A. KASSON
JULES CAMBON